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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2016

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Arizona growers intend to plant 65,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2016, down 5,000 acres, or 7 percent from last year's plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Growers intend to plant 15,000 acres of **barley** in 2016, down 2,000 acres from last year's actual plantings. **All wheat** acreage is expected to total 101,000 acres for 2016. **Winter wheat** seeded for harvest in 2016 is estimated at 11,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from the 2015 crop. Growers are estimated to have seeded 90,000 acres of **durum wheat** this year, down 55,000 acres from last year. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 330,000 acres this year. This is down 5,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2015.

Producers intend to plant 135,000 acres of **all cotton** in 2016, an increase of 27 percent from last year. Of that, 115,000 acres are **upland** cotton, and 20,000 acres are **American Pima** cotton.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 93.6 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944.

Producers intend to seed 3.14 million acres of **barley** for the 2016 crop year, down 12 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the fourth smallest seeded area on record.

All wheat planted area for 2016 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, down 9 percent from 2015. The 2016 **winter wheat** planted area, at 36.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.60 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.37 million acres are White Winter. The intended **Durum** planted area for 2016 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 54.3 million acres of **all hay** in 2016, down slightly from 2015.

All cotton planted area for 2016 is estimated at 9.56 million acres, 11 percent above last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 9.35 million acres, up 11 percent from 2015. **American Pima** area is estimated at 215,000 acres, up 36 percent from 2015.

For a full copy of the *Prospective Plantings* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.